Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, our proposal is to give it at cost price.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—I do not move the motion.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Demand put and carried.

24—Public Health—Rs. 1,26,522.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I beg to move for an allotment of Rs. 1,26,522 under 24—Public Health.

It consists of two major items—one Sanitation and Conservancy and (2) Vaccination. Under Sanitation and Conservancy we have two main sub-heads, one, Sanitation Works proper and another, rural sanitation. Again under the first sub-head Sanitation Works Proper, the Hon'ble Members will find town improvement works in all the important towns, Kunnamkulam, Trichur, Mattancheri, Ernakulam, Chittur, Irinjalakkuda, Nemmara, Vadakkancheri, Trippunithura and Chalakkudy. Under the second item, rural sanitation, you will find special provision made to start health welfare centres and also provision made for sanitation in non-municipal and urban areas. These are the main provision of this budget. I shall be only too glad to give any further information which the House may want with regard to any of these items. I request the House will be pleased to vote this demand.

Dr. A. R. Menon—The department is divided into two, rural and urban. Is it not so?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It has got two sub-heads under the main head, Sanitation and Conservancy. The first sub-head is Sanitation Works proper which deals with town improvement work aud under the second sub-head we have got rural sanitation.

Dr. A. R. Menon—There is urban sanitation and rural sanitation.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Town improvement works come under the first sub-head and rural sanitation comes under the second sub-head.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 7,560 for Trichur Town Improvement by Re. 1. (To discuss the urgent necessity of supplying Trichur Town with more water than is done now during summer.)*

Sir, this cut motion relates to the necessity for an adequate supply of water in the Trichur town during the hot season in particular. The Government has during the last three or four years attempted to give Trichur a supply of water from the wells in Viyyur. It was not possible

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under that system to supply water that is absolutely necessary for drinking purposes not to speak of the watering of the roads and other things that are absolutely necessary. It will not be possible, considering the resources of the Municipality to undertake the supply of water without the help of the Government. It will be such a big affair that the Government will have to take it upon themselves as they did in the case of Ernakulam and as they are doing in the case of Mattancheri. We do not know, as a matter of fact, how far the scheme of supplying water from Viyyur is successful. To a limited extent it is successful but it may not be possible to meet the whole requirements of the town. I, therefore, suggest that in case they find—and that within a reasonable time that the present water system will not supply an adequate quantity of water required for the town both for drinking and other purposes, they may take up the question of getting water from the Chalakkudy river or from other sources. With these few words I move for the reduction of the allotment of Rs. 7,560 for Trichur Town Improvement by Re. 1.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Sir, on a point of information, how is it that this item comes under the Public Health Department? It used to be provided for in the Public Works Department.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It could have more appropriately come under the Public Works Department. I think there is no objection because it relates to the Trichur Town improvements.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It is not enough if you say that it could have more appropriately come under the Public Works Department. This amount used to be provided in the Public Works Department. You have now done a mistake and we have followed it.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The amount provided is not for the supply of water to the Trichur town. It is for town improvement works. Perhaps the Member put in a cut motion relating to water supply under this head thinking that it related though remotely to the Trichur Town Improvement works. We have placed this amount in the Public Health Department for purposes of Town Improvement Works but the Member took advantage of that to bring in this cut motion. That is all. We have not made any mistake.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it quite right if Public Works are put under the Department of Public Health? You made a mistake and we followed.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Town improvements have all along come under sanitation and that practice has been continued even after the separation of the Public Health from

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Medicine and, therefore, the provision that is required to maintain trunk roads in the four Municipalities has been provided under Public Health. I do not think there is anything irregular in that procedure.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Year after year putting some metal and rolling over that constitutes town improvement! The Hon'ble Secretary has a curious idea of town improvement. Sir, the difficulty is this: Either the Government should allow us to do ourselves or the Government must do it. Either you must leave us alone or if you intend to do anything you must do it properly. As I said, we are not going to ask one pie from the Government. Either the Government must allow us to do what is necessary to give the prime necessity, the supply of drinking water to the people, or the Government must have a scheme in their hands. What happens? Last year they promised to budget some amount. Nothing came out of it. Year before last they promised to budget an amount; a small amount has been spent. Every year we were budgetting a large amount of money on the side of the Municipality and that amount was made to lapse. I hope the House understands the point. Every year that money we have kept apart for water works was made to lapse because an equal contribution from the Government was not forthcoming. That is the condition—half and half. Now I want a definite understanding. As a Member I can ask questions much more forcibly than as the Chairman of the Trichur Municipality. We want a definite declaration from the Government what their intentions are in the matter of supplying water to Trichur. Are you going to give us a substantial amount for the water works? This question won't brook delay. Either you should do it or are you willing to give us a loan? I say let the Government leave us alone. Don't interfere with us. You want to interfere, you want to meddle, you want to bungle. You don't get water by reading your budget. There will be an item of Rs. 15,000 for water. Where is water by reading the budget estimate? Now the Secretary knows the whole history of this question. Let us hear what the proposal of the Government is. Here we have budgetted Rs. 10,000 for water supply. Is the Government willing to come forward with their contribution? If they are not willing to give us a contribution what I say is we must force the Government to contribute. We have already allotted Rs. 10,000 and we have asked the Government to allow us Rs. 10,000. Of course, Rs. 20,000 is not a very big amount for a place like Trichur. If you are not going to include that I would request this House to vote against the Government to force them to include this as a supplementary item. They

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can change from one head to another. We can compel them to change from one head to another. They will say 'There is no item here. We will consider'. These considerations will never bear fruit.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Before we hear the Government Member on this point I want to draw the attention of the Government to some suggestions which were made by the Trichur Municipality either in the year 1100 or 1101, with regard to the supply of water within the Trichur Municipal area during the summer months. The scheme at Peringavu has been found to be successful to a certain extent, but the bore-well sunk there has practically disappointed us on account of the presence of objectionable salts in the water that is available there. I am again urging the suggestion that we made about 7 years ago. The idea was that small tanks and wells should be dug at two other parts of the Municipal area as well, wherever water is plentiful and arrangements of the same kind as is carried on in Peringavu should be adopted. Instead of having one plant, to supply water through pipes there will be three pipe systems. I had occasion to discuss this matter with the head of the Public Works Department—not a private conversation—and he also seemed to fall in with the idea. I make this suggestion because the necessity for the supply of water is urgent. Now, on a modest calculation I have been assured that two more tanks would cost roughly Rs. 5,000 each. With water from all the three systems together, there will be an ample supply to meet the needs of Trichur. Even if we do not get completely satisfactory supply, it will alleviate the dearth, considerably. So that instead of going in for either the Thanikkudam or the Chalakkudi schemes which will involve us in lakhs of rupees, this experiment may be tried now. I am assured from other sources also that the adoption of this method would supply our wants to very great extent. I press this measure upon the serious attention of the Government. This was also suggested in the joint report of the Municipality of which I happened to be a member then. Expert opinion may, if so advised, be called for on this point and the work started in the year 1110 itself.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Both the Public Works Department and the Government are aware of the draw-backs of the present water supply at Trichur.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The Public Works Department is aware. I don't think the Government are aware.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Government are equally aware of it. Very recently a proposal has been received from the Department to suggest that six more tanks may be

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dug at Peringavu at suitable distances one from the other so that we can have a perennial supply of water from all the 6 tanks simultaneously. What is required is to have six extra pumps. We have got the power there and with extra pumps better supply we will have. We have received such a proposal and it is under consideration. In the next year's Budget a total provision of Rs. 19,600 has been provided under Trichur water supply. Part of that amount can be easily utilised to dig these new tanks and once they are proved to be successful greater provision will be made.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What is the amount for Trichur?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Rs. 2,500 for extension work at Trichur. For Ramavarmapuram and Central Jail water supply there is a lump provision of Rs. 15,000.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Let us be honest in these matters.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I may say that this Ramavarmapuram water supply scheme is quite in its infant stage. Just a tank has been dug and experiments are going on and if we find that we can get sufficient water there won't be much difficulty to divert Rs. 4,000 or Rs. 5,000 for the Trichur water works extension. There is a provision of Rs. 2,500 exclusively for that purpose and it will be easily possible to get four or five thousand rupees from some other head. All these together constitute this Rs. 19,600. So I don't think there will be any shortage of funds next year. All that is required is to dig 6 tanks and see whether adequate supply can be had. I don't think there is any need to provide for extra machinery. There is the provision in the Budget. A more elaborate proposal has been received from the Department and I should think that very soon the Government will pass orders. All that is required is to dig a few more tanks.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—From what the Secretary said it is clear that there will be an amount of Rs. 7,500. But only Rs. 2,500 has been exclusively provided for that.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—For Trichur there is an amount of Rs. 2,500. Under Ramavarmapuram and Central Jail there is a provision of Rs. 15,000. That scheme is still so to say in its initial stage. It is very doubtful whether the whole amount will be spent on that. If necessity arises there will not be great difficulty to transfer four or five thousand rupees from that to the Trichur water works. All these come under the same head. If necessity arises transfers from one head to another head used to be done. There will not be any difficulty for want of funds next year to proceed with Trichur water supply. The main question is whether water can be had from these new tanks proposed to be dug. There is the provision of

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Rs. 2,500 to start with, and once that work is started and once adequate progress is found there we can transfer four or five thousand rupees from the other Rs. 15,000.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—That is on the presumption that Rs. 15,000 won't be required. Let us hear the Chief Engineer.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I am almost sure of that.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May we know from the Hon'ble Member for Engineering what the proposal is? The Hon'ble Secretary stated in the House that there is a proposal with regard to the supply of water for the Trichur Municipality.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Sir, the Trichur Water Works were started about five years ago and the supply was derived from tanks situated in suitable places. We tried to enhance the supply by means of a bore-well which though yielded 2 lakhs of gallons per day the quality of water was not good. These two years we have been spending our time in trying to see if by continuous pumping, the quantity of water could be improved. The improvement was not satisfactory and we have got to tap other sources. My proposal is to construct some more tanks at suitable places in different localities near Trichur. Judging from the results of the two tanks already dug —I am absolutely certain that these two tanks can yield about 70 thousand gallons a day during the driest part of the years— the requirements of the town of Trichur for street hydrants alone will be about two lakhs of gallons. So we have already found one-third of the supply. If there are 4 more tanks, we will get sufficient water for Trichur to supply all the hydrants.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—What will be the cost?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The cost would be about Rs. 3,000 each.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—For pipe lines?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The pipe lines will be for extension of water works. I think it will be safer to start with the extension of pipe lines after the supply is assured. For pipe lines we have already prepared an estimate for Rs. 68,000. But I have kept it in abeyance pending the construction of tanks and next year we also propose to make extensive investigations for locating the places where these tanks have to be constructed. I hope we will be able to have one tank next year and if found successful, it may be possible to have more than one tank, next year.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—There is an item there for Rs. 15,000 for Ramavarmapuram water supply. Is it likely that you would make use of the whole of that amount next year because the whole thing turns upon that? The Hon'ble Secretary tries to hide.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—If I remember right, the Hon'ble the Secretary only suggested that it may be one of the items from which transfers could be made if necessary. After all, we want only five or six thousand rupees.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—We have budgetted Rs. 10,000 in the Budget. Half the amount you must give and half ours that is the rule.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I see.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Instead of digging one tank, let us have 2 tanks in different localities. Why should there be any delay?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. There need not be any delay.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—In the light of the assurance given by the Government, I beg to withdraw the motion.

Motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

Motion No. 2.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—*I beg to move to reduce the allotment of Rs. 99,400 under A-3- Rural Sanitation—Total by Re. 1; to bring to the notice of Government the necessity of taking immediate steps to combat the spread of Typhoid fever in the State.*

Sir, this is a small matter. We were told even yesterday by the Hon'ble Member for Medicines that the Typhoid is on the increase throughout the State and is assuming an epidemic form in many places. I would request the Government to take some urgent measures and when one of the Hon'ble Members suggested that the Department of Medicine should take some steps in the matter, he told us that the Public Health Department is the proper department to deal with the prevention of the spread of this disease. I would therefore request the Government to take some immediate steps to prevent the spread of the Typhoid fever in the State and its assuming an epidemic form.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—This question was raised at the Standing Finance Committee Meeting as well and since then the Government addressed both the Chief Medical Officer and the Director of Public Health on this subject, and both of them have recommended that on a large scale injection can be given in the hospitals to the public and that scheme will be approved by the Government; and that is what the Hon'ble Member wants.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.— Is this injection very costly ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not at all costly.

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Dr. A. R. Menon.—I think it will be better to give some dose, because injection will be painful.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It will cost 8 annas per dose, whereas the cost of vaccine for one injection will only be one anna.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—But won't it be very painful?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Not very painful.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—സർ, ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിൽ നിന്നും സൗജന്യമായോ മറ്റോ വാങ്ങിക്കുവാൻ പോകുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു് കേട്ടു. അതു് വെറുതെ വച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിയ്ക്കുന്നതെന്നു് അപേക്ഷിയ്ക്കുന്നു. ഉപയോഗപ്പെടുത്തുകയും വേണം. വാങ്ങിയാൽ മാത്രം പോരാ.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Propaganda work on these lines will also be done.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.— ടൈഫായിഡ് പിടിപ്പുവക്കു മാത്രമാണിതു്. മറ്റുള്ളവക്കു പിടിയ്ക്കാതിരിയ്ക്കുവാൻകൂടി വേണ്ടതു ചെയ്യണം.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—In the light of the assurance given, I do not press this motion.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Motion No. 3.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—*I rise to move that the allotment of Rs.15,230 for Vaccination be reduced by Re. 1. My object in moving this token cut is to point out the necessity for the appointment of more female vaccinators in the State.*

This is of course a technical subject and I expect members of the profession who are competent to speak about it will elaborate this point. I find from the departmental report issued by the Director of Public Health that inasmuch as small-pox has been on the increase in the various parts of the State, the only feasible remedy that he could suggest was vaccination and re-vaccination; he seems to have reported to the Government that his attempts in that direction have been to a very great extent successful. There have been a few female vaccinators newly appointed after the creation of the department. But it has become necessary to appoint very many, more especially on the ground of the purdah system prevailing in various parts of the State. In Trichur itself the absence of female vaccinators appears to have been very keenly felt, so far as the Nambudiri women and the Gosha Muslim women were concerned. This is the view expressed by the Director of Public Health in his departmental report. I am anxious only to invite the attention of the House and also of the Government to the importance of this matter and I would like to know what the Government propose to do in this direction.

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The importance has already been recognised and thereare at present 3 or 4 female vaccinators in the Department and when necessity arises the number will be increased. Further, there are the health visitors. They can also help vaccination in select areas.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—We have already in our employment a lady vaccinator in the Trichur Municipality. I think there is one at Mattancheri Municipality, and one at Cranganur. This is a work which is very befitting to the ladies for more reasons than one, because in this case we have to deal with children. I think generally the lady vaccinators are more successful in handling these children than male vaccinators. As the Hon'ble mover himself pointed out, ladies will rather prefer to be vaccinated by a lady. The 3rd reason is there won't be any riot or trouble. I know the facts about Trippunittura. We don't want to raise a riot as a result of your vaccinating activities. Vaccination has been performed for the last so many years. By your vaccination activities, the Military and the Police were called to quell the most warlike Kudimis. The Commissioner had to summon the Police Inspectors. The District Magistrate had to come down all the way and the heroic Nayar Brigade were summoned with rifles and bayonets. Why? To quell the mutiny of the Kudimi women and children (*continued laughter*). Therefore, we would rather have a thousand lady vaccinators than have a Kudimi rising. That is another additional reason why we should have a large number of lady vaccinators. Let us have peace. Let us not have these wars in this State. I would therefore, most strongly support this motion.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—In view of the assurance held out, I don't press.

Motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

Motion No. 4.

Mr. Popatlal Govardhan Lalan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,26,522 for Public Health by Re. 1.* (*To acquaint the Government the importance of the Municipalities appointing their own Health officers with suitable qualifications*).

സർ, ഈ കട്ട് മോഷൻ അവതരിപ്പിയ്ക്കുവാനുള്ള മുഖ്യ ഹേതു നമ്മുടെ സ്റ്റേറ്റു വക മുൻസിപ്പാലിറ്റികളിൽ സാനിട്ടേഷൻ വളരെ കുറവായി കാണുന്നതുകൊണ്ടാണ്. ഇവിടത്തെ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റികളിൽ സാനിട്ടേഷൻ സംബന്ധിച്ച് "ടെക്നിക്കൽ നാളെഡ്ജ്" ഉള്ള "ആഫീസേഴ്സ്" വളരെ കുറവാണ്. മിക്ക മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റികളിലുള്ള സാനിട്ടേഷന്റെ കുറവുകൊണ്ടു തന്നെ സാനിട്ടറി ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാർക്ക് അവരുടെ ജോലി ശരിയായി ചെയ്യ് പട്ടണത്തെ പരിപാലിയ്ക്കുവാനുള്ള താണിയല്ലെന്നുള്ളതു് ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെടുന്നതാണ്. മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽ

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ചെയർമാൻമാരായ ആളുകൾക്ക് ടെക്നിക്കൽ നാളെഡ്ജ് ഇല്ലാത്തതും, അവരുടെ സ്വന്ത കാര്യങ്ങൾ മാത്രം നോക്കുവാനല്ലാതെ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽ നിന്നും ചെയ്യേണ്ടതായ പട്ടണ ശുചീകരണ വിഷയത്തിൽ ശ്രദ്ധിയ്ക്കുവാനുള്ള സമയം അവർക്ക് കിട്ടീട്ടില്ലാത്തതുമാകുന്നു. എന്നാൽ തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയ്ക്ക് ചെയർമാനായി ഒരു ഡാക്ടർ ഉള്ളതു കാരണം അവിടെ പട്ടണ ശുചീകരണം വളരെ ഭംഗിയായി നടത്തുവാൻ സാധിയ്ക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. ആ തരത്തിൽ ടെക്നിക്കൽ നാളെഡ്ജ് ഉള്ള ആളുകൾ എല്ലാ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റികളിലും ഇല്ലെന്നുള്ളതു് നമുക്കെല്ലാവർക്കും ബോദ്ധ്യമായിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്. ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റികൾ ഏറ്റെടുത്തിയിരിയ്ക്കുന്നതുതന്നെ പട്ടണത്തിൽ സാനിട്ടേഷന്റെ ആവശ്യത്തിലേയ്ക്ക് വേണ്ടിയാണല്ലോ. അല്ലാതെ റോഡു വെട്ടുവാൻവേണ്ടിയോ മറ്റു പ്രകാരത്തിൽഭരണം നടത്തിയും ജനങ്ങളുടെ രക്തം ശോഷിപ്പിയ്ക്കുന്നതിനും ആയിട്ടോഅല്ല. സാനിട്ടേഷനില്ലാത്ത മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റികൾ വച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിയ്ക്കുന്നതിനേക്കാൾ എടുത്തുകളയുകയാണല്ലോ നല്ലതു്. സാനിട്ടേഷന്റെ മുഖ്യ ആവശ്യത്തിനുവേണ്ടിയാണ് പ്രജകളിൽനിന്നും പലവിധത്തിൽ പണം വാങ്ങുന്നതു്. സാനിട്ടേഷൻ എന്നു പറഞ്ഞാലെന്താണെന്നു് യാതൊരു നിശ്ചയവും വിവരവും ഇല്ലാത്ത മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റികൾ ഈ സ്റ്റേറ്റിലുണ്ടെന്നു് ഞാൻ ധൈര്യമായിട്ടും ഈ സഭയിൽവച്ചു പറയാം. പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും ഞാൻ പ്രതിനിധീകരിയ്ക്കുന്നതായ മട്ടാഞ്ചേരിയിൽ ഇന്നു് അന്യ ദിക്കിൽനിന്നും ഒരു ടാവലർ വന്നിറങ്ങിയാൽ ഇത്രത്താളം മോശമായപട്ടണമാണോ മട്ടാഞ്ചേരി എന്നു് ആക്ഷേപിച്ചു പറയാതിരിയ്ക്കയില്ല. അതിനുള്ള മുഖ്യ ഹേതു അവിടത്തെ സാനിട്ടേഷൻ കാര്യത്തിൽ തൃണായുള്ള ആളുകൾ ആ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽ ഇല്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടാണു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് സാനിട്ടേഷന്റെ കാര്യത്തിൽ എല്ലാ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റികളിലും ഹെൽത്താഫീസരെ നിയമിക്കേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു. മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിക്കാർ സമ്മതിയ്ക്കാത്തപക്ഷം ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു് അധികാരംകൊണ്ടു് ഹെൽത്താഫീസ്സരന്മാരെ നിയമിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും വളരെ ദയവു വിചാരിച്ചു് ഒരു ഹെൽത്ത് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടു സ്ഥാപിച്ചു കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടു്. മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയില്ലാത്ത സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ എല്ലാം ആ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടാണ് നോക്കിവരുന്നതു്. മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയുള്ള ദിക്കുകളിൽ അവരുടെ ആവശ്യമില്ലെന്നും ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു തീരുമാനിച്ചിരിയ്ക്കുന്നു. എന്നാൽ ടെക്നിക്കൽ നാളെഡ്ജ് ഇല്ലാത്ത മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റി ചെയർമാൻമാർക്കു് ഹെൽത്താഫീസരുടെ അഭിപ്രായത്തോടുകൂടി പട്ടണശുചീകരണം നടത്തുവാൻ വേണ്ടിയുള്ള ഏർപ്പാടുകൾക്കുകൂടി

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ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു് ചെയ്യേണ്ടതാണു്. മട്ടാഞ്ചേരിയിൽ സാനിട്ടേഷനില്ലാത്തതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള സീക്രട്ടു് പറയുകയാണെങ്കിൽ അനവധിയുണ്ടു്. അവിടെ ഒരു ഹെൽത്താഫീസ്സറില്ലാത്ത ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടു് ആ പട്ടണവാസികൾക്കല്ലാതെ മാറുള്ളവർക്കു് അറിയുവാൻ പ്രയാസമാണു്. സാനിട്ടേഷനില്ലാതിരുന്നാൽ രോഗങ്ങൾ ധാരാളമായി വർദ്ധിയ്ക്കും എന്നുള്ളതു് ആരും പറഞ്ഞറിയിയ്ക്കേണ്ടതില്ലല്ലോ. അതുകൊണ്ടു് രോഗങ്ങൾ കുറയുവാനും അതിലേയ്ക്കു വേണ്ടിവരുന്ന ചിലവു കുറയുവാനും സാനിട്ടേഷൻ അത്യാവശ്യമാണു്. സാനിട്ടേഷനില്ലെങ്കിൽ ആശുപത്രികൾക്കുള്ള ചിലവുകൾ കൂടുകയല്ലാതെ കുറയുകയില്ല. ഇതു് ഞാൻ എന്റെ ശരിയായിട്ടുള്ള പേഴ്സനൽ എക്സ്പീരിയൻസുകൊണ്ടു പറയുന്നതാണു്. മട്ടാഞ്ചേരി മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽ ഈ തരത്തിൽ ഇന്നു സാനിട്ടേഷൻ വേണ്ടതുണ്ടെന്നുള്ള ധാരണ എനിയ്ക്കുണ്ടു്. അവിടെ സാനിട്ടേഷന്റെ കാര്യത്തിൽ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയുടെ ശ്രദ്ധ പതിയുന്നതേയില്ല. വാസ്തവത്തിൽ ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള കാര്യങ്ങൾ ഒരു മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയുടെ ധർമ്മമാണെന്നു വിചാരിച്ചുകൊള്ളുകിലും ചെയ്യേണ്ടതത്യാവശ്യമാണു്. അതിനാൽ ഈ കട്ടമോഷനെ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു സപീകരിയ്ക്കുന്നതാണെന്നും, ഇതിലേയ്ക്കു വേണ്ടുന്ന പരിഹാരങ്ങൾ വരുത്തുന്നതാണെന്നും അപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു് ഇതിനെ ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, the Government shall have no objection if any Municipality puts up a proposal to have a Health Officer for it. I do not know if it will be proper for us to force a Health Officer on any Municipality, except with their own sanction and approval. Therefore, if any Municipality requires a Health Officer, Government will only be too glad to help them.

Dr A. R. Menon.—I know something about this question and I want to take this House into confidence. Some correspondence is passing between the Municipality on the one hand and the Director of Public Health on the other. Let not this House misunderstand us when we say that we are putting on a fight on behalf of the Municipality, not on the ground mentioned by my Hon'ble friend here. For the time being, we are the custodians of the municipal interests—a non-official body just like the Panchayats—and anybody worth the name who has any control of such an institution has got a solemn duty to see that the power conceded to Municipalities shall not be taken away, unless and until it is proved that it is in the public interests that such powers are taken away. I hope that the Hon'ble Members will hold me out when I say that the same remarks hold good in the case of the Panchayats also. Because the Municipalities are

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four in number and the Panchayats are larger in number, most probably the Members will understand this question, when I couple the Panchayats with Municipalities. I remember the other day, a point was raised in this House that gradually the powers of the Panchayats are taken from them even in the matter of putting up a light or sweeping a street. All that we can say is that we are determined upon these points, so far as the present Council is concerned. In all reason, whatever changes the Government propose or the Director of Public Health proposes, we are willing to accept. But we will not on the ground of pleasing anybody surrender any of the rights of the Municipalities unless it is taken by force from us. It will not be willingly surrendered. That is the first proposition that I want to say. What is the trouble? We ourselves approach the Government and we say "We don't want any contribution from you. We will appoint our own Health Officer; we will appoint our own Municipal Engineer. We do not want any help provided Government will not unnecessarily interfere with us". Naturally when the Government give us a contribution the Government may say that "We have a right to interferer". The moment we say that "Unless the conditions are satisfactory to us, we don't want your grant and we will have our own Health Officer". I fail to see why all this trouble. I hope the Hon'ble Secretary understands the position. I want to explain this matter. This matter is not going to come here, as you will see before the next Budget comes round.

Now, Sir, what is the function? I can very well understand the Director of Public Health claiming the right to supervise the technical side of the question, because it is not always possible that its Chairman is a Medical man. Even if he is a Medical man he may not be able to bestow his attention. So far as the technical side is concerned, we have not the least objection for the Director of Public Health to interfere. We are not going to allow any interference in the administrative side. We will appoint our own Sanitary Inspectors. We will recommend the Health Officer who is to be appointed to the Government and not to anybody else. We are determined that no Heads of Departments shall intervene between the Government and ourselves. This position is taken up not only by the Trichur Municipality but all the Municipalities alike and they have unanimously passed a resolution in the Inter-Municipal Conference. This is the thin end of the wedge. It is all very well to say that sanitation is not proper; but where is the money to come from? Government contribution is stopped. They used to give us at least a pittance of Rs. 5,000. I see no such contribution this year. Then, gentlemen, what is the use of

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appointing big men, if we have no funds. If it is only to examine the drains, a Sanitary Inspector or a Sanitary Maistry can do the work of any Health Officer. If we want to improve sanitation, we want funds. But where is the fund forthcoming? But all the same, so far as we are concerned, we have not the least objection and we have submitted our proposals. Generally in British India two-thirds are given by the Government and one-third by the Municipality. If the Government is willing, they can give us half. But the conditions are what I have stated and that is the unanimous opinion of the Municipal Council. They have empowered me to bring these facts before the Council and before the Government. I have done that duty before the Government and I am doing that before the Council.

Now, we are going to appoint a Municipal Engineer. We have requested the Chief Engineer to give an opinion. I can very well understand Government giving us a direction. I can very well understand the Government asking the Chief Engineer just to supervise the work of the Municipal Engineer. But what is the fun of saying that all communications should go through the Chief Engineer? Am I a post-man? The moment we appoint a revenue officer, we have to send a communication through the Diwan Peishkar and if we appoint a Health Officer, then we will have to send another communication through the Director of Public Health. My function is to send the communications. Is that the function? There are two kinds of Chairmen—one comes there for his own benefit and the other for honour. We come for our honour. I do not like to be a post-man and my colleagues also agree with me and say that the Government may appoint or elect their own Chairman. Let that be clearly understood. Barring that, we are only too glad to have any direction, any advice, either from this Council or from the Government with regard to the municipal administration. All that I can say is that with the municipal funds we are unable to carry out all the works. We are doing our level best, but we have not succeeded. I perfectly agree that the sanitation is not what it ought to be. In other Municipalities, they are doing their very best but the very best is not sufficiently satisfactory. I hope I have made myself clearly understood by the House. We have a hope that if this question ever comes to this House, this House will stand by the Councillors who are elected by the people and not by any other body however influential that body may be.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Sir, I generally agree with the observations made by my Hon'ble friend, the previous speaker. Of course, it is desirable that the Director of Public Health should have a general supervision in regard to health and

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sanitation throughout the State. We have been referring to that matter during the discussions on the Budget last year.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What will be the nature of it?

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—I will explain myself. The right of either Government or of any particular departmental head to exercise general supervision over the whole State in regard to any particular matter, say in regard to public health and sanitation, is a different thing from the right of appointing the officers to do the work under the Municipalities, where there are Municipalities and under the Panchayats, where there are Panchayats. There must be a co-ordinated scheme in regard to public health and sanitation throughout the State and that officer whom Government entrusts with the task will give general guidance. It is not interfering with the appointments made in the carrying out of the work.

Now, when the Department of Public Health was created, an attempt was made to deprive the Panchayats of some of their legitimate functions and I believe the Hon'ble Member for Pazhayannur said that it was inserting the thin end of the wedge. His predictions have come out true. So far as the Municipalities of Trichur and Ernakulam are concerned, one of the medical officers of the hospital exercise the general powers of a Health Officer. He is a member of the Council ex-officio and he gives general advices just as an officer in the Engineering Department is an ex-officio member of the Municipality rendering general advice. If so advised, (probably it would be a very agreeable reform so far as the medical man is concerned) to have this general control transferred to the Department of Public Health. We do not mind that. We strongly protest against any attempt on the part of the Government either directly or indirectly to deprive our Municipalities of the little power which they possess. In regard to the Trichur Municipality, a Health Officer has been directed to be appointed. But in regard to the other Municipalities, the same thing has not been done. Of course, we can understand the view-point of the Government, "Why should we thrust in a Health Officer on a Municipality which does not want it." That is not the question.

The object of my Hon'ble friend the mover sitting on my right, seems to be that even where these Municipalities do not bestir themselves, Government should take up this matter and see that Health Officers are appointed. I do not know whether it would be necessary to go so far. But speaking for myself, at least with regard to the Mattancheri Municipality the necessity for the appointment of a Health Officer, by whatever denomination he is called, is absolutely essential to improve the sanitation

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of that locality; and whether the request proceeds from the Municipality or not, it will be in the in erests of the people at large to see that an officer corresponding to the officer going to be appointed in the Trichur Municipality, is appointed in the Mattancheri Municipality as well. In regard to the other administrative details, I strongly protest against any interference either by Government or the Public Health Department.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir the question relates to the relationship between the Public Health Department and the Municipality and it is seriously engaging the attention of the Government. The different aspects that the Hon'ble Member for Cheruthuruthy placed before the House are already before the Government and the Member may rest assured that orders will not be passed without looking into all those aspects very carefully.

മിസ്റ്റർ പോപ്പുറവലാൽ ഗോവിന്ദനലാലൻ.—സർ, ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ചെറുതുരുത്തി മെമ്പറവർകൾ കുറെ കാര്യമായിട്ടു വിചാരിച്ചു സംസാരിയ്ക്കുണ്ടായി. എല്ലാ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റികളും ഒന്നിച്ചുകൂടി കുറെ അഭിപ്രായങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടാക്കി എന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. എന്നാൽ അനുദ്യോഗസ്ഥ മെമ്പർമാരായ ഞങ്ങളാരും ജനങ്ങൾ തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തയച്ച പ്രതിനിധികളല്ലെന്നാണ് ഒടുവിൽ വന്നവസാനിച്ചതു്.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Sir, on a point of information. What I said was it is not a question of appointment or non-appointment, and in the matter of function only the technical power should be given and that was unanimously agreed to by all the Councils.

മിസ്റ്റർ പോപ്പുറവലാൽഗോവിന്ദനലാലൻ.—എനിക്ക് എന്റെ ആവശ്യവും കട്ടമോഷ്ടാവും മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റികളുടെ അധികാരം എടുത്തു കളഞ്ഞിട്ട് ഗവൺമെന്റു നേരിട്ടു നടത്തണം എന്നില്ല. ചെറുതുരുത്തി മെമ്പറെ പോലുള്ള മറ്റു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പർമാർക്കും അങ്ങിനെ ഒരു തെറ്റിദ്ധാരണയുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നാണ് എനിയ്ക്കു തോന്നുന്നതു്. മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റികളെ എടുത്തുകളഞ്ഞു് ഹെൽത്താഫീസർ നേരിട്ടു നടത്തണമെന്നല്ല എന്റെ കട്ടമോഷന്റെ താല്പര്യം എന്നു് ഇനിയെങ്കിലും നിങ്ങൾ മനസ്സിലാക്കണം. എല്ലാ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റികളിലും സാനിട്ടേഷന്റെ കാര്യത്തിൽ ഹെൽത്താഫീസർക്കു കൂടി ഏർപ്പെട്ടു നടത്തണമെന്ന സംഗതിയാണ് ഞാൻ ഗവൺമെന്റിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരുന്നതു്. അതു് ആവശ്യമില്ലാത്തതാണെന്നു നിങ്ങൾ വാദിയ്ക്കുന്നെങ്കിൽ എനിയ്ക്കു മാത്രമായിട്ടു് അങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്യണമെന്നു ഞാൻ പറയുന്നില്ല. ഇതിലേയ്ക്കെല്ലാം ഫണ്ടില്ല എന്നുള്ള കാരണം പറയുന്നതു ശരിയല്ല. പുതിയ റോഡുകൾ വെട്ടുവാനും പുഴയ്ക്കു

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റോഡുകൾ നന്നാക്കുവാനും വേണ്ടത്ര ഫണ്ടുണ്ടെന്നും സാനിട്ടേഷന്റെ കാര്യത്തിൽ വേണ്ടത്ര ചെയ്യുവാൻ ഫണ്ടില്ല എന്നും പറയുന്നത് എന്തുമാത്രം യുക്തിഹീനമാണ്? മട്ടാഞ്ചേരിക്കാരുടെ ആവശ്യത്തിനു ഏതു കാര്യം പറഞ്ഞാലും ഫണ്ടില്ല; രമ്പളം കൊടുത്തു ആളെ വയ്ക്കുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല എന്നാണു പറയുന്നത്. ഫണ്ടില്ലെന്നു പറഞ്ഞിട്ട് എത്ര അനാവശ്യമായ കാര്യങ്ങൾക്കു പണം ചിലവാക്കുന്നു. അങ്ങനെയുള്ള അനാവശ്യ ചിലവുകളെ കുറച്ചിട്ട് ആവശ്യമുള്ള കാര്യങ്ങൾ നടത്തരുതോ? വേണമെന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഫണ്ടുണ്ടാക്കി ഇതെല്ലാം ചെയ്യുവാൻ കഴിയും. മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റികൾ എല്ലാംകൂടി എഗ്രിമെന്റ് എഴുതിവച്ചിരിയ്ക്കുന്നു; നമ്മൾ സെൽഫ് ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടാണെന്നു, എന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അങ്ങനെ നടന്നുകൊള്ളട്ടെ. എനിയ്ക്കു അതിൽ ഒരാക്ഷേപവുമില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജോർജ്ജ് ചക്യാമുറി.—എല്ലാ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റികളിലും നിർബ്ബന്ധമായി ഓരോ ആളുകളെ വയ്ക്കണമെന്നല്ലേ; മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിക്കാർ വേണമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞാലും ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു സമ്മതിയ്ക്കുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പോപ്പുറുലാൽ ഗോവിന്ദലാലൻ.—ഈ ചോദ്യത്തിനു മറുപടി പറയാം. മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിക്കാർക്കു് ആവശ്യമില്ലെന്ന അറിവോടുകൂടിയാണ് ഞാൻ ഈ കട്ടമോഷൻ കൊണ്ടുവന്നിരിയ്ക്കുന്നതു്. അവരുടെ അറിവോടുകൂടിയാണെങ്കിൽ അവർ സമ്മതിയ്ക്കയില്ലെന്നു് എനിയ്ക്കറിയാം. കൗൺസിലിൽ അഭിപ്രായ വ്യത്യാസം വരും. അവരുടെ സ്വന്തം കാര്യങ്ങൾ ഇഷ്ടംപോലെ ചെയ്യുന്നതിനുള്ള തടസ്ഥം വരും എന്നുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടു്. അവർ സമ്മതിയ്ക്കയില്ല. എന്നാൽ ഹെൽത്താഫീസ്സറെ നിയമിക്കയാണെങ്കിൽ അവരുടെ ഇഷ്ടംപോലെ ഒന്നും പ്രവൃത്തിയ്ക്കുവാൻ തരപ്പെടുകയില്ല. എന്നുള്ള വിവരം അറിഞ്ഞതു നിമിത്തമാണ് ഞാൻ ഈ കട്ടമോഷൻ കൊണ്ടുവന്നിരിയ്ക്കുന്നതു്. അവരുടെ സമ്മതമില്ലാതെയിരുന്നാലും സാനിട്ടേഷന്റെ കാര്യത്തിൽ ടെക്നിക്കൽ നാളെഡ്ജ് ഉള്ള ഒരാളെ നിർബ്ബന്ധിച്ചുവയ്ക്കണമെന്നാണ് ഞാൻ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നതു്. എന്നാൽ ഈ സംഗതി ഇവിടെയുള്ള ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥമെമ്പർമാർക്കും, മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റികൾക്കും ആവശ്യമില്ലെന്നുള്ള പക്ഷം ഞാൻ ഇതു പിൻവലിച്ചേയ്ക്കാം. ഇതിലേയ്ക്കു ഫണ്ടു് ഇല്ല എന്നുള്ള കാരണം വച്ചുകൊണ്ടു പറയുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ശരിയല്ല. ഹെൽത്താഫീസറെവച്ചാൽ അദ്ദേഹം ഫണ്ടൊന്നും ആവശ്യപ്പെടുകയില്ലെന്നുള്ളതു തീർച്ചയാണ്. അതുകൊണ്ട് ആ കാര്യത്തിൽ അഭിപ്രായവ്യത്യാസമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതുംകൂടി ഞാൻ ഇവിടെ ധരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു. ഹെൽത്തു വകുപ്പുലക്ഷ്യനോടു് ഈ കാര്യത്തെപ്പറ്റി ചോദിച്ചാൽ അദ്ദേഹം സമ്മതിയ്ക്കയും ചെയ്യും. നിങ്ങൾക്കു് ഇതു മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റികളെ

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ക്കാര്യമില്ലാത്തതാണെന്ന് നിർബ്ബന്ധാഭിപ്രായമുള്ളപക്ഷം ഞാൻ ഈ കട്ട് മോഷൻ പിൻവലിയ്ക്കുവാൻ അനുവാദം ചോദിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

Motion No 5.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce Rs. 1,26,522 for Public Health-Total by Re. 1. (To urge upon the Government to pass early orders on the report of the Town Improvement Committee for Vadakkancheri).*

Sir, I have to express the feelings of gratitude of the area constituting the Vadakkancheri Panchayat for accepting a cut motion that was tabled by me last year to appoint a committee to suggest means of improvement for the town of Vadakkancheri that was raised by me in this Council during the last Budget Session and immediately afterwards in the month of Chingam the Government was pleased to appoint a committee consisting of a few Members interested in Vadakkancheri.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—When did that Committee report?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—That Committee after a few sittings and going into the whole question in all its bearings submitted a report nearly four months back and my information is that the Government has not been able to pass orders on that report as yet. The proposals of the Committee are those that are absolutely necessary for the growing town of Vadakkancheri and as such any delay in passing orders, certainly favourable orders, on that report will be not in the interests of the area concerned. Therefore I request the Government that they may be pleased to pass orders on that report at the earliest opportunity so that the items of improvement suggested for that place may be taken up one after the other in the order proposed by the Committee. I fail to see what it is that stands in the way of the Government passing orders upon such a very important report and I once more request the Government to pass orders as early as possible. After hearing the Government attitude, I will decide what attitude is to be taken on the cut motion.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, Government have received the report with regard to the improvements at Vadakkancheri. The total cost of the estimated works is somewhere about 75 thousand rupees.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is not correct.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Then what is the amount?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Much less.

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think it is somewhere about that and that amount is proposed to spread over 5 years. We are considering the works proposed for the first year at present and we have referred them to some of the Heads of Departments and as soon as we receive their remarks as well on the suggestions of the Committee we will pass orders with regard to the works proposed for the first year. Then after these works are completed we can take up the other works one after another.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—I wish to know whether the report would be placed before the House before final orders are passed.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no objection, if the House wants it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sir, since Government have already taken up such items of work proposed for the first year and since I find that they would be willing to sympathetically consider the other proposals year after year I do not press this further.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I don't think the Hon'ble Secretary gave any such assurance.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—What did the Hon'ble Member state? I did'nt quite follow him.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I understand from the Government reply that certain items for the first year have already been taken up.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I find it in the Budget.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I never said anything like that. These works have been referred to some of the Heads of Departments concerned for their further remarks and as soon as we receive their remarks we will pass final orders in the matter. After the first set of works are executed we will take up others in the second year and so on.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Is their any money provided in the Budget for this?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no specific provision for it. But one or two items have already come into the Budget.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I withdraw the motion.

Motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

The whole grant under 24—Public Health was put and carried.

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